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NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2009 NOMINATIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

NOVEMBER 14, 2008 - DEADLINE DATE

(LOS ANGELES, CA) – Each year during National Small Business Week, The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recognizes outstanding small business owners and advocates for their contribution to the American economy and society. The President has declared May 17-23, 2009 as National Small Business Week.

SBA is currently accepting nominations for several SBA award categories including the 2009 Small Business of the Year Award. The Los Angeles SBA Office serves the tri-county area of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Trade associations, chambers of commerce and business organizations frequently sponsor candidates. A business owner may also nominate himself/herself or other candidates.

“Our various business constituencies always submit strong candidates for these awards and we look forward to honoring entrepreneurs who take it upon themselves to contribute to our community and country - - one small business at a time,” said Alberto G. Alvarado, Los Angeles SBA District Director.

In 2009, National Small Business Week will honor the estimated 26.8 million small businesses in America. Business entrepreneurs throughout the Southern California area will also be honored during Small Business Week with many local events. Through the work of entrepreneurs, jobs are created, families are given a better life and whole communities are transformed. Please join us in the National Small Business Week celebration.

Nomination criteria and deadline dates for all award categories can be found by visiting the SBA website at <http://www.sba.gov/ca/la> in the "Spotlight "section or by contacting Patrick Rodriguez, Public Information Officer, of the Los Angeles SBA District Office at (818) 522-3222 or at Patrick.Rodriguez@sba.gov.

This is an opportunity to recognize an individual or an organization dedicated to the support of the small business community. Please send all nominations to the U. S. Small Business Administration, 330 North Brand, Suite 1200, Glendale, California, 91203, Attn: Patrick Rodriguez.

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